

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES

v.

CRIM. NO.

**ORDER REGARDING USE OF VIDEO CONFERENCING/TELECONFERENCING
FOR FELONY PLEAS AND/OR SENTENCINGS**

In accordance with Standing Order 2020-06, this Court finds:

_____ That the Defendant (or the Juvenile) has consented to the use of video
teleconferencing/teleconferencing to conduct the proceeding(s) held today, after consultation
with counsel; and

_____ That the proceeding(s) to be held today cannot be further delayed without serious harm
to the interests of justice, for the following specific reasons:

Accordingly, the proceeding(s) held on this date may be conducted by:

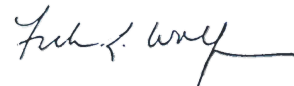
_____ Video Teleconferencing

_____ Teleconferencing, because video teleconferencing is not reasonably available for the
following reason:

_____ The Defendant (or the Juvenile) is detained at a facility lacking video
teleconferencing capability.

_____ Other:

Date:



United States District Judge

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

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v.

CYNTHIA TARRAGO-DIAZ

Honorable Freda L. Wolfson

Crim. No. 20-____ (FLW)

**EXHIBIT TO ORDER REGARDING USE
OF VIDEO**

**CONFERENCING/TELECONFERENCING
FOR FELONY PLEAS AND/OR
SENTENCINGS**

The Court finds that the change of plea hearing to be held on September 15, 2020, cannot be further delayed without serious harm to the interests of justice and should proceed by video teleconference for the following reasons:

1. To permit the defendant to obtain a speedy resolution of her case through an admission of guilt, the defendant has asked to exercise her constitutional right to plead guilty. The defendant's interest in a speedy resolution of her case will be seriously harmed if the proceeding does not occur by video in lieu of in-court proceedings which, for in-custody defendants, are currently indefinitely curtailed by the pandemic.
2. The Government has asked for this case to be resolved today by guilty plea and for a subsequent timely sentencing.
3. To obtain a resolution to the case prior to the end of the time afforded the Government to prosecute such case under the Speedy Trial Act.